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v-3: This is a  
complete file of tech  
on 3. I have clipped  
portions which need  
classification. Are  
Goodman & Win Scott  
open? Any comments?  
I intend to recommend  
this not be allowed out  
of HQ 3. Bldc

5-7: Pls. Review -  
Are you under cover?  
Is Barbara? yes  
Note in Photofin CI  
Section.

~~Section of Teltap  
Operations was  
planarily reviewed  
by Mendes Desk -  
C/LA/M&SB hand  
carried info to  
C/LA/Staff B on  
20 March 1978~~

Barry Lager

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Don Gregg  
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FROM : Rodger S. Gabrielson  
OLC/C&R

SUBJECT : Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Dan Hardway on the soft file on the unidentified man photographs and on the file Pre-Assassinations - Mexico.

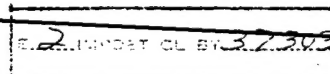
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3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

*Rodger S. Gabrielson/jms*  
Rodger S. Gabrielson

Attachment:  
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3/9/78

SUMMARY : PRE-ASSASSINATION; Mexico  
I Russian Embassy Transcripts  
A General Observations

1. The name of the Embassy appears at the top of the first page of each transcript. (Transcript here means one day's coverage on one phone.) This is followed by the number of the phone covered. (A series of three two digit numbers) The next line gives the date of the coverage. The next line gives the tape reel number. On some of the transcripts this is followed by the time period (hours) covered by the transcript. On most of the transcripts the cite to where the conversation is on the reel appears on the left hand column opposite the referenced conversation. Generally, the time the conversation occurred, and a notation as to whether it is an incoming or outgoing call, appears at the beginning of the



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conversation

2 Generally, the transcripts appear to be paraphrases of the conversations rather than literal transcriptions.

This is more true of the Spanish than the English transcripts. Some of the conversations in Spanish, and most of the English (Russian) ones, appear to be literal transcriptions.

3. <sup>Most of the</sup> ~~There are some~~ transcripts are in Spanish. In these transcripts there are references to those places on the tape where a conversation appears in Russian. These conversations appear later, transcribed into English.

4. In the English transcripts (conversation had been in Russian and/or English) the phrase "previously transcribed" often appears after a cite to the tape footage number. These conversations are not in the transcripts we

examined. Ed and I did a careful cross-referencing check of all transcripts for a three day period to try to find those conversations denoted as "previously transcribed." Our check failed to turn up any of those conversations. When asked about this Russ Holmes said that he knew nothing about it. He suggested talking to Anne Goodpasture about it.

5. Marginal Comments are not infrequent in the English transcripts. The comments seem to be of two types, both of which are set off from the text by slash marks. The first type seems to cover those instances when the translator/transcriber is unsure of a word, identity or place. In this type the comment consists, generally, of a word or name followed by, sometimes, a question mark. (/Vera?/)

The second type is longer comments on the conversation and cover a more general area. These are usually prefaced with the word "Comment". Some examples:

- a notation of alarm in a participant's voice;
- b comments on the marital relationship of a Russian Embassy official (based on the observation that the official always speaks in a condescending tone to his wife);
- c identifying a caller as the same as a man in a previous conversation;
- d substitutions for literal transcriptions, i.e. a note saying there is an argument without transcribing the argument;
- e comments on intonation;
- f notes of background conversations;
- g comments on participant's ability to speak the language.

6. Ed noted that the Spanish in the Transcripts is very poor.
7. The Transcripts for September 15 + 16, if there are any, are not on the microfilm we examined. When asked about this Russ Holmes said it was probably because those days were a Saturday and Sunday and the intercept was shut down on those days. There are transcripts for every day between September 18 and October 3 inclusive.

## II Information from the trans. A September 27, 1963.

1. A man calls the Soviet Military Attache looking for a visa to Odessa. He is referred to the Consulate. He asks how to get to the Embassy and is given directions. This conversation is in the Spanish transcripts and appears to be a paraphrase.



This conversation occurred between 10:30 and 10:50 A.M.

2. At 10:37 a man calls the Soviet Consulate and asks for the Consul. He is told that the Consul is not in. The man outside says that it is necessary for him to get a visa to Odessa. The person in the Embassy asks him to call back at 11:30. This is in the Spanish transcripts.
3. At 1:25 a man calls the Consulate and asks for the Consul. He is told that he (the Consul) is not in. The man outside asks, "when tomorrow?" The Consulate official tells him between 4 or 5 on Mondays and Fridays. This is in Spanish.
4. At approximately 4:05 pm Sylvia Duran calls the Soviet Embassy. She tells the man there that the American citizen was ~~at~~ there at the Cuban Embassy.

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the one who wants a visa to Cuba in transit to Russia. Sylvia says that he wants to know who he talked to at the Soviet Embassy because she had sent him there saying that if he got a Soviet visa that he could then get a Cuban one and all they would have to do was notify immigration. The man at the Cuban Embassy seeking the visas wants to know who he spoke to at the Soviet Embassy because he was assured that there would be no problem. The man at the Soviet Embassy puts another man on the phone and Sylvia goes through the same thing with him. He tells her to leave her name and phone number and says he will call back. This transcript is in Spanish.

5. At 4:26 an unidentified Soviet Consulate Official calls

Sylvia Duran. The Soviet Official (hereinafter SO) asks her if the American has been there. Sylvia responds that he is there now. The SO says that the American showed papers from the Soviet Consulate in Washington, D.C. and that he wants to go to the USSR where he plans to stay for a long time with his wife who is Russian. The SO says that he has not received an answer to this man's problem from Washington and it traditionally takes four to five months. The SO says that, unless they have permission from the USSR they can't issue a visa without getting permission from Washington. However, the SO says, the man has a letter showing that he is a member of an organization that favors Cuba, but the Cubans can't give him a visa without him first getting a

Soviet visa and the SO doesn't know what to do with him now because they should wait for an answer from Washington. Silvia agrees and says that it is doubtful that the Cubans will give him a visa because he doesn't know anyone in Cuba and that would be a problem because he wanted to wait in Cuba while his Soviet visa was being processed and he knew that would take quite a while. The SO says that his wife could get a visa in Washington very quickly and she could have it sent anywhere. But the S.O. doesn't think that they will get the visas or permission soon. Silvia says it is clear that they can't give him a letter because they don't know if the visa will be approved. The S.O. says that they only give visas



when it is appropriate. Silvia says that that is what she will put down on the forms. The SO says that they can't give him a letter of recommendation because they don't know him, sorry to bother you Silvia. No problem. This transcript is in Spanish.

B. September 28, 1963. (Saturday): Silvia Duran calls the Soviet Consulate at 11:51 A.M. She says that there is a North American there who had been at the Soviet Embassy before. The SO asks her to wait one minute. (preceding in Spanish, following in English):

" / Please see the Spanish transcription / WO while waiting speaks in English to someone in the background: He said wait.. Do you speak Russian? Yes. Why don't you talk to him?.. I don't know.. / MO takes the phone and says in broken Russian / I was in

your Embassy and spoke to your consul. Just a minute MI takes the phone and asks MO in English what does he want.

MO: /in Russian/ Please speak Russian.

MI: What else do you want?

MO: I was just now at your Embassy and they took my address.

MI: I know that.

MO: /speaks terrible, hardly recognizable Russian/ I did not know it then. I went to the Cuban Embassy to ask them for my address, because they have it...

MI: Why don't you come again and leave your address with us, it not far from the Cuban Embassy.

MO: I'll be there right away. "

The Spanish transcript indicates that the MO first spoke Russian, the MI responded in English and then they

both spoke in English. The transcript in Oswald's Mexican file is a carbon.

C. October 1, 1963.

1. At 10:31 A.M. a man calls the Soviet Military Attache:

"MO to MI, in broken Russian.  
mo: Hello. (sic) I was at your place last Saturday and I talked to your consul. They said <sup>THAT</sup> they'd send a telegram to Washington and I wanted to ask you if there was anything new?"

MI: I'd like to ask you to call another phone number.

mo: ~~Please~~ Please.

MI: Please write it down; 15-60-55 and ask for a consul.

mo: Thank you

MI: Please "

(English transcript)

2. A man calls the consul later. There is not a time on the transcript. A Chronology of the Mexico City investigation (WX-7241, Vol I.) places

this call at 10:45 AM. The Oswald Mexican file has a Xeroxed copy of the English transcripts:

"I was at ~~xxx~~ (?) (sic) mo/the same person who phoned a day or so ago and spoke in broken Russian/speaks to Obyedkov.

mo: Hello, this is Lee Oswald (phon) speaking, I was at your place last Saturday and spoke to a consul, and they said that they'd send a telegram to Washington, so I wanted to find out if you have anything new? But I don't remember the name of that consul.

OBY: Kostikov. He is dark/hair or skin?/

LEE: Yes. My name is Oswald.

OBY: Just a minute I'll find out. They say that they haven't recieved anything yet.

LEE: Have they done anything?

OBY: Yes, they say that a request



has been sent out, but nothing has been recieved as yet.

1.3.3. And what...? / OBY hangs up / "  
The one subsequent and two prior conversations are designated "previously transcribed."

D. On October 3 a man calls the Soviet Military Attache and speaks in broken Spanish and then English. The MO asks for a visa for Russia and is asked to call the Consulate at 15-60-555. After being given the number the MO asks "They issue the visa there?" and the MI says he doesn't know anything about and says call the consulate. (English transcript)

III Info from the transcripts in Oswald's Mexico file:

- A. 9/27; 10:37 call - Xerox copy
- B. 9/27; 4:26 call - " "
- C. 9/27; 4:05 call - " "

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D. 9/27/ 4:26 call;  
carbon copy taped to another  
page

1. portions underlined in  
red. (not on Xerox)
2. Scott writes: "Is it possible  
to identify?"

3. routed to Goodpasture  
and Shaw

4. Duran id'd with "Silvia"

5. filed in Soviet Contact  
and Oswald & P - date of  
filing instructions or  
other notations not  
indicated.

E. 9/27; 4:05 call; carbon copy

1. parts underlined in red
2. routed to Scott, Goodpasture  
and Shaw

3. file instructions to Soviet  
Contact file.

4. no dates indicated.

5. "①"

F. 9/28; 11:51 call, carbon copy.

1. parts underlined in red

2. "①"

3. routed to Scott, Good-  
pasture & Shaw.

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HAS  
"①" at  
TOP

4. file instructions; to Soviet Contacts file.
5. no date

G. 10/1; 10:31 call; Kerox

H. 10/1; "xxx(?)" call; "

I. 10/3; "

J. I have requested the "Soviet Contacts" file from Barbara and am attempting to locate any other carbon or original copies of transcripts. Russ Holmes says that if the carbons or originals are not in the Mexican file then they probably don't exist.

IV. Information from cable traffic to and from Mexico City, Oswald's Mexican file, and his HQR's 201, and WX-7241:

- A. On 10/1/63 Mexi 6344 to HQ reports that Dave Phillips is on TDY in Washington, D.C.
- B. Mexi 6384, dated 10/3/63; subject undetermined, is missing from the cable chronology.
- C. DIR 72527, dated 10/4/63, says: "Mr. David Phillips, newly ~~assigned~~ appointed chief [Cuban] ~~operations~~ ops in

Mexi will arrive 7 Oct  
 [in Miami] for two days  
 consultation WAVE.... for  
 Mexi; Mr. Phillips ETA  
 Mexi 9 Oct.... "

0. October 1 + 4, 1963.

1. Oswald's Mexican file  
 contains an envelope @ four  
 prints of photos of the M.M.M.  
 The envelope says: "Dups of  
 unidentified man photos  
 in the 201" in blue printing  
 In red script it says: "Photos  
 of unidentified person on  
 entering Sov. Embassy.  
 1 + 4 Oct 63. "

2. WX-7241, apparently prepared  
 in 1967, also places the date  
 of these photos on 1 + 4 October  
 as does post-assassination  
 cable traffic and Mexi 6453  
 which refers to ~~an~~ an  
 unidentified man entering  
 the Embassy on one October.  
 3. Russ Holmes recently  
 informed me that the correct  
 dates are 2 and 4 October.



(5-1-A)  
E. On 8 October 1963, Mexi 6453<sub>2</sub> is sent to H.Q. It originated with Barbara Manell. The Authenticating Officer (A.O.) was Barbara Manell and the Releasing Officer ~~is~~ (R.O.) was Win Scott. The cable reports Oswald's call to Obyedkov on 1 Oct. 3; Oswald's statement that he had been there on the 28th; and the inquiry and response about the telegram. The 2nd paragraph says: "Have photos male appears be American entering Sovemb - 1216 hours, leaving 1222 on 1 Oct. Apparent age 35, athletic build, circa 6 feet, receding hairline, balding top. Wore khakis and sport shirt." There is not a routing slip on this cable.

F. HQ responded to Mexi 6453 with DIR 74830 (7-2) on 10 October 1963. This cable originated with Charlotte Burtos; A.O. was J.C. King and the R.O. was Thomas Karamessines. This cable provides a summary of

bio info on Oswald including his DOB, date of defection, description, his return to the U.S., and his marriage. It says that the stay in the USSR "clearly had a maturing effect on Oswald." It reported that the last info received by H.Q. was a May 1962 memo that reported that it had been determined that L.O. was still a U.S. citizen and that he and his family had been given visas to return to the U.S. Mexico was instructed to pass Oswald's DPOB, fact of defection, and description to the FBI, Navy, I+NS and the Embassy locally. HQ said that it was passing the info in Mexi 6453 and the ident data to FBI, State, Navy, I+NS HQ's. This cable calls him "Lee Henry Oswald."

The routing slip in the Mexican files indicate that this cable went to Scott, White, Goodpasture, Manell, "Paul", and D'Ainto. Goodpasture noted.

"We should ask HQ for photo. No?"  
 Barbara Manell noted that the local dissemination requested was done on 15 October. Scott requested that a "P" file be opened on Lee Henry Oswald "and put all data we have into it. Photos?"

G. On 9 October 1963 Mexi 6468 informed HQ that Mexi urgently needed new tape recorders for Tarasoff, Florian Randolph Hartz and an as yet unidentified person. The cable reported that the machines used by these people were constantly breaking down and that transporting them for repairs was a security problem.

H. The October 10th HQ dissemination Orig: C. Bustos; R.O.: Jane Roman (CI Liaison); A.O.: L.N. GALLAGHER (C/WH/R); Coordinated in draft by "CI/SIG/Egert" and "SR/CI/Roll." The cable was sent to the Departments of State and Navy and the FBI. The first paragraph of the cable says: On 1 Oct.

NOTE: THE  
 INFO WAS  
 MADE AVAILABLE  
 TO ITNS.

1963 a reliable and sensitive source reported that an American male, who identified himself as Lee Oswald, contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City inquiring whether the Embassy had received any news concerning a telegram which had been sent to Washington. The American was described as "approximately 35 years old, with an athletic build, about six feet tall, with a receding hairline." The cable goes on to say that it is believed that the man is identical to Lee Henry Oswald and gives bio info on him. (DIR 74673, dated 10/10/63.)

J. On 10/15/63 Mexi 6534<sup>(8-4)</sup> was dated.

Orig + A.O.: Herbert Manell.

R.O.: Min Scott

ref: DIR 74830.

It said: "Plo pouch photo Oswald." I have not found a response to this cable in either the Mexico cable traffic chrono or Oswald's Mexican file. I have asked Russ Halmer.

to provide the dispatches to and from Mexico between the dates of 10/15 and 10/30. Russ said that this might not get all the pouched materials because HQ sometimes used what he called "an unattributable pouch." This cable does not have an RS attached.

K. Cable originating with T. WARD, (WH/3/Mexico) on 23 Oct 1963. It was sent on the 24th.

A.O: L.N. Gallary; R.O: Jane Roman.  
REF: DIR 74673.

"It is requested that you forward to this office as soon as possible two copies of the most recent photograph you have of [Lee Henry Oswald]. We will forward them to our representative in Mexico, who will attempt to determine if the Lee Oswald in Mexico City and Subject are the same individuals."

L. On 16 October 1963 Kim Scott wrote a memo to the Ambassador's contact with the November



It reported that the information was from a very sensitive, usually reliable source; that a man ID'ing himself as Lee Oswald had contacted the Sovemb on 1 October; that he had previously contacted them on 28 Sept.; that he had talked to Kostikov about a reply to his request; LO's DOB; his defection; and a promise to pass on any additional info obtained. (9-5 FOIA) The memo says, in part:

"This office determined that Oswald had been at the Soviet Embassy on 28 September 1963 and had talked with Valeriy Vladimirovich Kostikov, a member of the Consular Section, in order to learn if the Soviet Embassy had received a reply from Washington concerning his request. We have no clarifying

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information with regard to this request." The original of this memo went to:

The Ambassador.

The Minister

Counselor for Political Affairs

Regional Security Officer

copies to:

Legat

Naval Attache

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Oswald "P"

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LIAISON with Legat.

" " NAVAL ATTACHE.

IV Info from photo production and logs; and Cubemb tapes: Russ Holmes tells me he is having trouble locating these documents but will make them available if and when he can find them.

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2. <i>C/LA/ST/B</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>✓</i>		
3. <i>C/LA/M&amp;SB/M</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>J</i>		
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5. <i>C/LA/ST/B</i>			<i>✓</i>		
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Rodger S. Gabrielson *jms*

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Summary OF CI soft file on the  
unidentified man photographs.

prepared by DAN HARDWAY

3/15/78



## CI Soft File on MMM photo.

### 1. Blind memo dated 5/5/77:

"As a result of a detailed search of old records forwarded to Washington from Mexico City, three of the original reports of the "Unidentified man" were located. According to these records, the man visited the Soviet Embassy on 2 October 1963 (not 1 October as reported in Mexis-6453 of 8 October 1963) from 1216 to 1222 hours (local time) and on 4 October 1963 from 1115 to 1132 hours.

1/ The same man visited the Cuban Consulate at 1115 hours on 15 October 1963. 2/ The records contain negatives of five frames of photographs. Prints from two of these frames were sent to Headquarters as a part of the Station file on Oswald because this man was mistakenly linked to the Oswald investigation before it was known that Oswald had left Mexico

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City before this man went to the Soviet Embassy. The three additional frames will be printed and filed with the other photographs in 201-289248 Mexico file but these photographs add no new information.

2. Photographs of the unidentified man were provided by three separate unilateral sources. The original records were located for two of these sources.

(This is a report for 2, 4, and 15 October 1963). The other records are believed to have been destroyed in Mexico since the original file folders were located and had been re-used for more recent records. 3/

2. Blind, undated memo regarding the delay in sending the first cable about Oswald.

"1.... It was discussed in Dave Phillips book as a ~~result~~ case of laziness on the part of the Soviet case officer (which in my view was unjust and unnecessary and indicates that Dave ~~Phillips~~ didn't know what he was talking about)

2. Normally, the Spanish transcript for the 1 October conversation would have been picked up on the morning of the 2nd of October. The Russian language portion would have gone to the Russian/English transcriber on the 3rd of October. The translation would have been returned the following day (4th) at which time, the Soviet case officer would have asked for the photographic coverage. That coverage would not have been in the station before the 7th since the film

was still in the camera on the 3rd of October and it was picked up probably on the 4th, processed and passed to the Station on the next work day which would have been Monday 7 October.

3. Later the film was taken out of the camera every day but at that time, the film stayed in the camera until a full roll was completed which might take three or four days.

4. A name trace could have been requested on the basis of the name alone but that wasn't the way Win Scott ran that Station. He wanted the photographic coverage tied in with the telephone coverage.... It was also part of the 'numbers game' of justifying a project by the number of dispatches, cables, or reports produced."

3. Log of Film #744; Tuesday, 1 October; Coverage 900 to 1900; also gives Camera Setting & weather designation. This log also covers the 2nd & 3rd of October. It is in Spanish (Soremb pictures).
4. Log Film 145, October 4, 1963  
In Spanish; Soremb pictures
5. Log from Cubemb photos  
Film #260 10/15/63. Log is in English. The entry in the log about the MMR says:  
"Mani sent to the Consulate."
6. Memo (blind) dated 5/2/77  
"1. On 2 May 1977 Chris Hopkins and Annie Goodpasture visited the Warrenton Records Center to review old Mexico City files in search of additional photographs of the "unidentified man". We were unable to locate any such photographs. It appears that earlier photographs may have been destroyed in a purge of Mexico City Station files and that the folders for the destroyed



material were re-used to forward more recent photographic material to Headquarters for retention.... Dispatch HMNT 11,368, dated 17 March 1972. Photos were filled in re-used subject and "P" folders (equivalent of subject 201 folders) indicating contents of original 'subject' and 'P' files were destroyed. Ref (to previous shipment) HMMA 40,562, 21 May 1971."

7. Blind; undated memo entitled "Mexico Station Coverage of Soviet and Cuban Embassies (1963)";

a There were three photo coverage sites on the Soviet Embassy. One was directly across the street from the Soviet gate. The second covered the backyard of the Soviet compound. The third was a backup position for the first one. The first base was closed when the station learned that the Warren

Commission was going to publish a copy of the M M M photograph.

b. These three bases were managed by an agent who was a Mexican citizen. He collected the film from the two main bases three times a week. The film was then developed and printed onto 8X10 contact print sheets by another recruited outside agent.

c. The ~~Embassy~~ Station clearly had a unilateral telephone surveillance operation on the Soviet Embassy prior to 1958. In that year the Mexicans proposed a joint operation <sup>WHICH WAS INSTALLED.</sup> ~~The American taps were removed to prevent their discovery by the Mexicans when they put their taps in. It is unclear to me whether the unilateral taps were reactivated.~~

d. In 1961 the COS became the case officer for the Mexican/American intercept operation. Another station officer assisted in daily supervision and picked up the tapes and transcripts. There was also an American technician at the listening post.

e. In mid-1962 the Mexican authorities asked for the phone numbers of the Cuban, Soviet and Satellite Embassies. The CIA Station then disconnected all of their unilateral taps so they would not be discovered by the Mexicans when they put in their taps. The Mexicans did put in taps on 5 Soviet & 5 Cuban lines. A live monitor at the listening post made short summaries of the conversations which were given to the COS daily. Full transcripts were typed & given to the Station after the reels

were completed, usually with a day or two lag. Films and Russian were taken to Boris Parassoff for translation, "the translations usually ran about a week behind the date of the conversation."

g. "As soon as the Station learned that an American identifying himself as Lee Oswald phoned the Soviet Embassy, Miss Ann Goodpasture of the Station started screening all photographs. However, here again, there was a backlog because the photographs were picked up three times a week but those picked up were usually for dates a few days before since the technician who was processing the films did so on a night-time basis. Further, photographs were not made initially until a complete roll of film was used. Later this was changed and the operator cleared the camera

at the end of each day regardless of amount of unused film remaining. The instructions were to cover the entire workday (office hours) and to photograph all Soviets, their families, all foreigners, and cars with foreign license plates. Human error did occur but generally the agents were conscientious. The Cuban Embassy coverage had more sophisticated equipment using a pulse camera which frequently developed mechanical difficulties.

Oswald came to the attention of the listening post operators from a tap of the Soviet line. It was picked up and taken to Mr. Boris Tarasoff for translation because the caller was trying to speak in Russian. There was some delay because station personnel wanted to compare the photographs



with the typed transcript."

8. There are several cables and memos about a tentative identification of the MMM as one of "Yuriy Ivanovich Moskalov", a KGB officer.

9. 10 Feb 77, "Notes made by A. Goodpasture for John Leader, IG Staff"

a. the three photo sites were handled by Ramon Alvarez. He collected the film and his brother-in-law printed it.

P2/stz → ~~the inside CG was~~  
~~Peggy Mahoney (retired~~  
~~in Chicago) Mahoney left~~  
~~in 1959.~~

b. the agents used in the unilateral phone taps were Frank Estancona and Peggy Maggard.

c. Charles Flick was a TSD officer who was put inside the listening post to maintain the equipment. Goodpasture met with him daily to pick

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up the tapes and transcripts.  
d. Personnel assignments

COS: Win Scott

DCOS: Alan White (6/63-9/65)

CA: David Phillips (9/61-3/64)

Gunnar Beckman Asst  
(8/62-9/64)

Cuba Ops: Robert Shaw Chief  
(4/63-4/65)

Ray Swider (9/63-7/65)

Lorna Mackay (10/63-5/65)

Dave Phillips Chief  
(8/63-6/65)

Soviet target: Herbert Manell (9/59-8/65)

Barbara " " " "

William Bright (5/64-7/66)

ML Beck ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Outside CO (6/62-1/67)

### Support Assets

Unilat. Phone tap: Thomas Keenan (2/60-10/64)

Outside CO: David Wilsted

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UNILAT Photo Cubans:

Robert Zambenardi 6/59-4/64

## Soviet Unilat. Photo:

Luis D Puckett 6/58-6/63

Thomas Keenan 6/63-10/64

## Liaison phone taps:

Woodpasture 62-68

Charles Flick 61-71

~~Liaison~~

## Liaison surveillance:

12/62-9/67 Robert Feldman

## TSD Outside Unit

Isken Wolden 4/58-12/63.

5. Woodpasture took the reel to Manells who would then get it to the Farasobbs.

- 10 Memorandum prepared by Raymond Rocco for the Rockefeller Commission:  
 "Intelligence did not provide a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald during his brief stay in Mexico City that month."

" At no time during his stay in Mexico City did the CIA acquire a photo of Oswald. A careful review of all coverage was conducted on 22 and 23 November 1963 after the assassination, including materials back to August 1963. This confirmed that there was no CIA photo coverage of Oswald at any time during his Mexico trip or stay in Mexico City. Moreover, although it had made a cabled request on 15 October, the CIA's Mexico representative had no photo of Oswald in his records, nor did he receive one from Headquarters - which did not have one either - before 22 November 1963. "